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a description of
the Skolwin Paper Factory at Skolwin (Odermuende, N 53-21, E 14-36).

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Polish business by S.S.W.

Around October 15 ~~to~~ a Polish delegation of 5 is expected to visit ~~Siemens-Schuckert~~ ^{Firm - W. Ger.} at ~~Erlangen~~ ^{verske 4-6} to discuss terms of re-modelling ~~paper machine No 1~~ ^{West German} at Szczecin. The Poles want a new electrical steering introduced in their plants, a valve steering with magnet reinforcement /Röhrensteuerung mit Magnetverstärkung/. It is possible that deliveries will start before Christmas, at the latest, however, the Poles want it by spring next year. Naturally the work can only be done by S.S.W. mounteurs.

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~~One~~ among the Polish delegates to Erlangen will be ~~of~~ ^f Szrajer, ^f ~~nu~~

and

The construction of three paper machines at Skolwin has been ~~termin-~~ ^{finished} ~~ed~~. Subject left when machine No III was completed. S.S.W. attended to the electrical work of that machine. Hence the factory now has ~~3~~ ^{ed} machine No 1 which ~~is~~ ^{has} achieving a capacity of 50, 60 and even 70 tons a day after the new director instructed his men to improve their own material instead of blaming shortcomings on bad functioning of electrical parts. This machine is to undergo ~~modernization~~ ^{and will be} by being ~~as~~ the first machine in Poland equipped with ~~valve~~ steering, supposed to cut out production breaks.

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Machine No II is producing an average of 150 meters per hour, with a daily capacity of 30 tons.

Machine No III is manufacturing brown wrapping paper, of which one side is shining and the other dim. It produces 100 meters a minute, about 25 tons a day.

These production rates are achieved on the average despite occasional interruptions. All machines are in general doing pretty well with the exception of Machine 1 which as soon as bad material is used starts tearing the paper. Which is why the new steering is wanted.

Subject knows of no plans to enlarge the factory. The plant formerly harbored 12 machines so there is room enough for more.

On the one hand subject heard that the factory at Skolwin is the largest of its kind in Poland and on the other hand it is allegedly only a test-factory /Versuchsfabrik/. There are other factories at Łódź, Jelenia Góra and near Warsaw.

Changes at the plant since last year: East Zone firm Hoheturm was in charge of the construction of a new boiler house which should be ready by now. It has a capacity of 40 -60 tons whatever this may mean. Subject knows little about it. He just heard mounteurs saying so. Other mounteurs, namely Austrians, working at the municipal power station spoke of boilers newly built at the power station with a capacity of 25 tons.

The new boiler house at Skolwin was necessary because the small old one was able to only supply machine No II with the required power when outside source was cut out. The new boiler provided sufficient power for all machines now.

Outside of this only a new paper cutting machine has been erected and a paper hall where women sort out the paper. This machine is ~~used~~ for cutting ~~of~~ propaganda card boards. This section of the plant has also received a new Super Kalandar. The section is employing 20-30 newly engaged women. Outside of this there has been no increase of manpower. The entire factory employs between 300 -400 workers. Many workers stay a short time only. There is a constant go and come of workers with no noteworthy changes of the standard employment quota. Salaries of workers have not changed.

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Power Station at Szczecin.

is undergoing a constant repair of all equipment and has received some new machines lately. Austrian firm Pauker from Lower Austria has supplied and mounted 3 or 4 new coal mills necessary for supply of coal dust with which station is operated. Said mills were built by Pauker with a licence of some Stuttgart firm. The mills are broke most time.

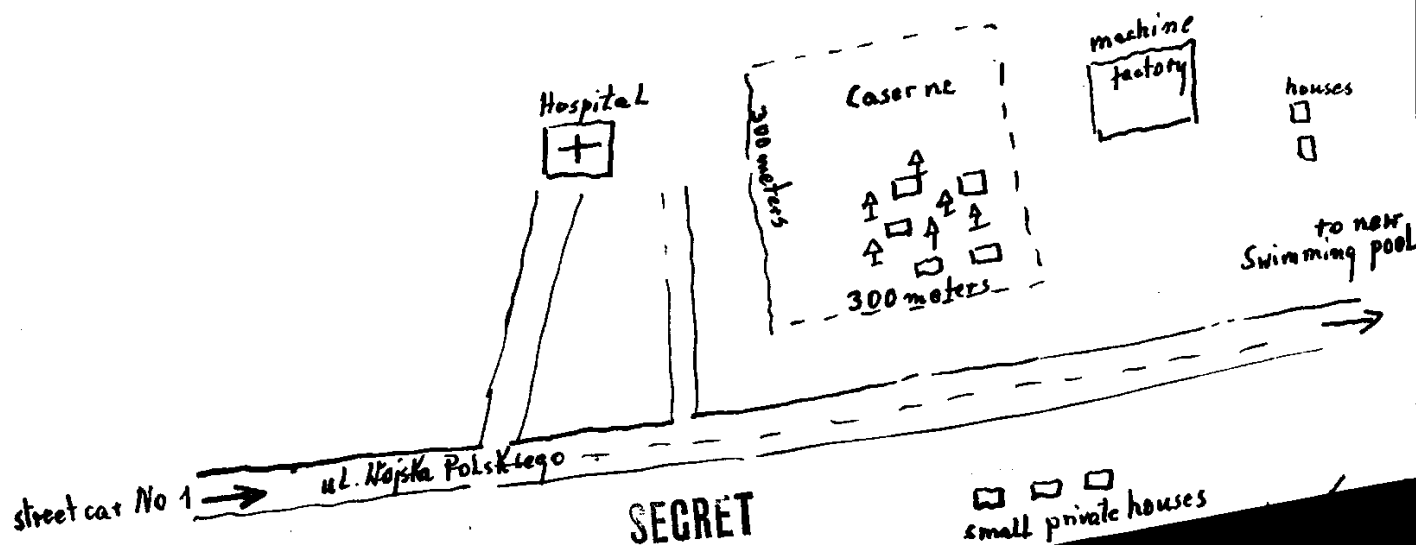
The power station has also received a dust-removal filtering plant for the cleaning of the air of the plant. The gadgets were supplied and mounted [redacted] 25X1

A similar filtering device is to be set up at Skolwin paper factory. It was alleged that the firm Woheturm will be in charge.

Russians in Szczecin.

The number of them has definitely diminished without them disappearing altogether. Subject used to watch Russian trucks loaded with furniture leaving town. He had the impression that some units were taken out and other taken in. Though in general their activity has become less obvious. Subject made excursions down the casernes along ulica Wojska Polskiego where he formerly saw mostly Russians. He says they are still occupying some of the barracks, but Polish soldiers are more numerous. It struck him that those barracks located closest to the road are no longer inhabited the same way as before. Rooms seems to be empty. Practically all activity is concentrated in those barracks located inside the caserne. There they are hidden in the tree-dotted area. The casernes are surrounded with a fence but there are no iron bars. They are occupied by infantry units without any special equipment [redacted]

A sketch of the caserne follows hereunder: 25X1



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Water traffic.

[] an average of only 2-3 ships coming from the sea along the Odra river to the port. Capacity of ships 4-5000 tons.

They were mostly Russian, Scandinavian or ships []

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[] has seen no noteworthy activity along the Odra bank.

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[] a special interest again in the ex-Wulkan dockyard. Since last year no new constructions are handled in that area ever since the place was painted.

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[] 200 yards off the Wulkan Werft in the direction of the town a new 3-4 store building has been constructed for offices. There were offices before

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Mysterious army depot.

[] a military target that could be an underground depot or so. The depot is located 150 meters left of the Municipal Theater, amidst buildings serving as barracks for soldiers. A sketch drawn up hereafter will have to facilitate orientation

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[] The place should be easy to identify on a map since,

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[] there is no other street with such a conspicuous bend in that area. The buildings around the depot are old, but the bunker /depot/ itself seems to be newly constructed.

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[] open door of the bunker where soldiers were furtively busy handling barrels. The presence of trucks could be conclusive of loading or unloading of fluid material. The spot was particularly guarded by soldiers.

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[] In front of the bunker there is an empty yard measuring 50 meters, for trucks. A sentry-box stands at the yard.

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[] The bunker is hardly distinguishable from outside.

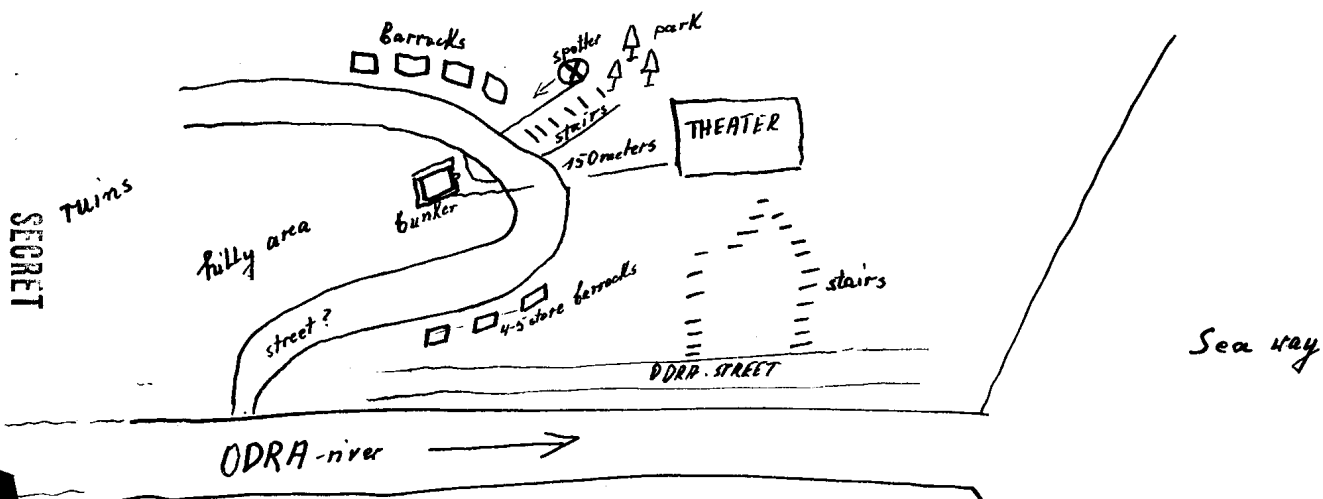
[] barrels were being rolled into the bunker. The casernes around the bunker are occupied by 4-5 infantry companies totalling 500-600 men. There seem to be 6-7 men living in one room. Soldiers all wear green ribbons and a khaki uniform. Subject saw no heavy equipment.

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[redacted] another caserne next to police HQ in town center. The caserne is a red-brick building of an old construction.

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Morale of populace - hasn't improved since last year. Food supply is utterly bad. In June /July neither meat nor cheese nor eggs could be had. The shortage was much greater than last year. Even privileged Obis had no supplies at times.

Before the Geneva conference said "that soon something must happen" changing the present status. UB surveillance hasn't weakened. UB people used to be in all restaurants. [redacted] felt being followed everywhere, more than last year. There were no hold-ups on streets, not even at night.

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Reconstruction of Szczecin is making no progress. Only very lately some construction of living quarters started at aleja 3 ego Maja where a new settlement will be built.

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